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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6397

BILL NUMBER: SB 230

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2010

BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2010

SUBJECT: E-mail Notification of Local Government Meetings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Waltz

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Stilwell

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that if the governing body of a public agency of a political subdivision provides initial notice of public meetings to members of the governing body or public officials by electronic mail, the governing body of a public agency shall also give initial public notice by electronic mail to any person (excluding news media) who annually requests notice of meetings. It provides that a governing body that fails to give initial notice by electronic mail: (1) does not invalidate any proceedings of the governing body including the validity of any bonds issued; and (2) a court may not declare void any policy, decision, or final action or final action of the governing body based on the failure to give notice.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) This bill requires that any person who delivers an annual written request for notices to the governing body of a public agency of a political subdivision shall receive initial notice by electronic mail if the members of the governing body or public officials receive initial notice by electronic mail. Any increase in expenditures will depend on the number of people who request notices that were not previously receiving notices.

The bill's requirements affect the following entities:

(1) Any county, township, school corporation, city, town, political subdivision, or other entity, by whatever

name designated, exercising in a limited geographical area the executive, administrative, or legislative power of the state or a delegated local governmental power.

(2) Any building corporation of a political subdivision of the state of Indiana that issues bonds for the purpose of constructing public facilities.

(3) Any advisory commission, committee, or body created by statute, ordinance, or executive order to advise the governing body of a public agency, except medical staffs or the committees of any such staff.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Political subdivisions.

Information Sources:

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